



## POETRY COMPETITION

### **“Forever Wild!”**

The Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo celebrates Wyoming’s outdoor heritage, which includes hunting, fishing, wildlife/fisheries management, and the role of the outdoor enthusiast in wildlife conservation. Wyoming offers a wide variety of outdoor opportunities for the family that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

#### Eligibility

- Must be a Wyoming student in grade 7 - 9
- Immediate family members of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department are not eligible
- Poem **and** completed entry form must be received before 5 p.m. April 13, 2012

#### Entry Guidelines

- Published poem must be typed or word processed on 8 ½” x 11” white paper
- Expo ’12 theme **“Forever Wild!”** must be incorporated into the body of the poem or be used as the title
- Express in poetry (not prose), what Wyoming’s outdoor heritage means to you while considering the people you are speaking to; the recreationist, the wildlife watcher, a new person to our state, etc.
- The poem will be judged on its effective use of literary devices and techniques to accomplish the authors’ purpose:
  - Symbolism
  - Mood/tone
  - Allusion
  - Irony
  - Figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification)
  - Analogy
  - Exaggeration
  - Archetypes
  - Symbolism
- Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and word usage must be used

#### Awards

- All entries following the guidelines will be displayed in the *Wildlife and Wild Scenes Gallery* at the Expo in Casper, WY, September 13-15, 2012.
- First, second, and third place winners and their teachers will be notified in writing by approximately May 25, 2012
- First place winner will receive a \$200 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Second place winner will receive a \$150 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Third place winner will receive a \$100 savings bond, prize ribbon, and award certificate
- Winners will also have the opportunity to be recognized at the Expo ’12 Awards Banquet, held during the Expo in Casper, Friday, September 14 at the Parkway Plaza (lodging and travel expenses are not included)

#### Submit Poem and completed entry form to:

- All poems become the property of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and will not be returned
- Poem and completed entry form must be received before 5 p.m. April 13, 2012
- **Email entries (with the attached entry form) to: [margaret.james@wyo.gov](mailto:margaret.james@wyo.gov)**  
**For questions, call (307) 777-4538**

## POSTER, POETRY, AND ESSAY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

### **A completed form must be attached to each entry**

Entry and form must be received no later than 5 p.m. April 13, 2012

**Email to: [margaret.james@wyo.gov](mailto:margaret.james@wyo.gov)**

Please print legibly and fill out completely

Student's First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_